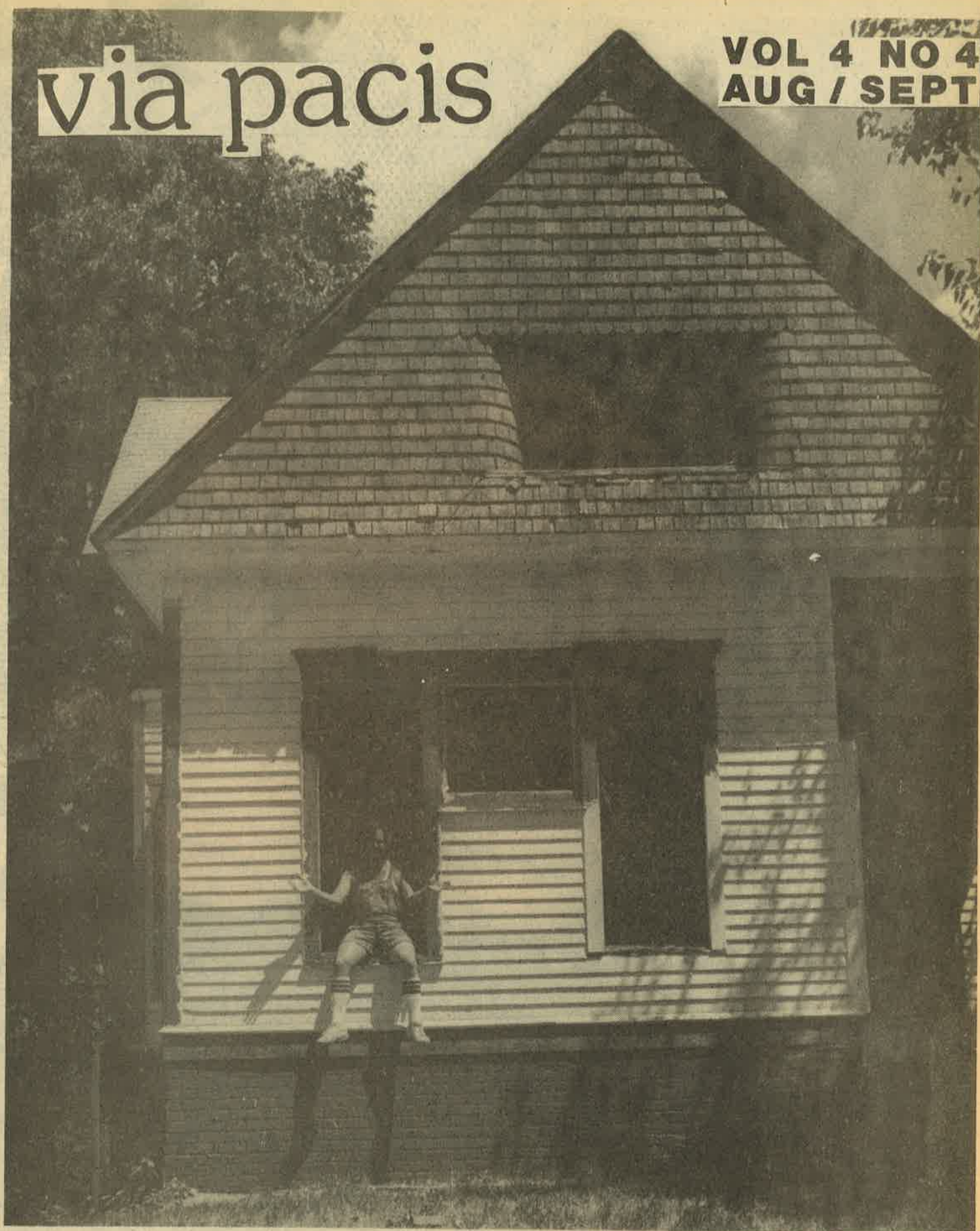


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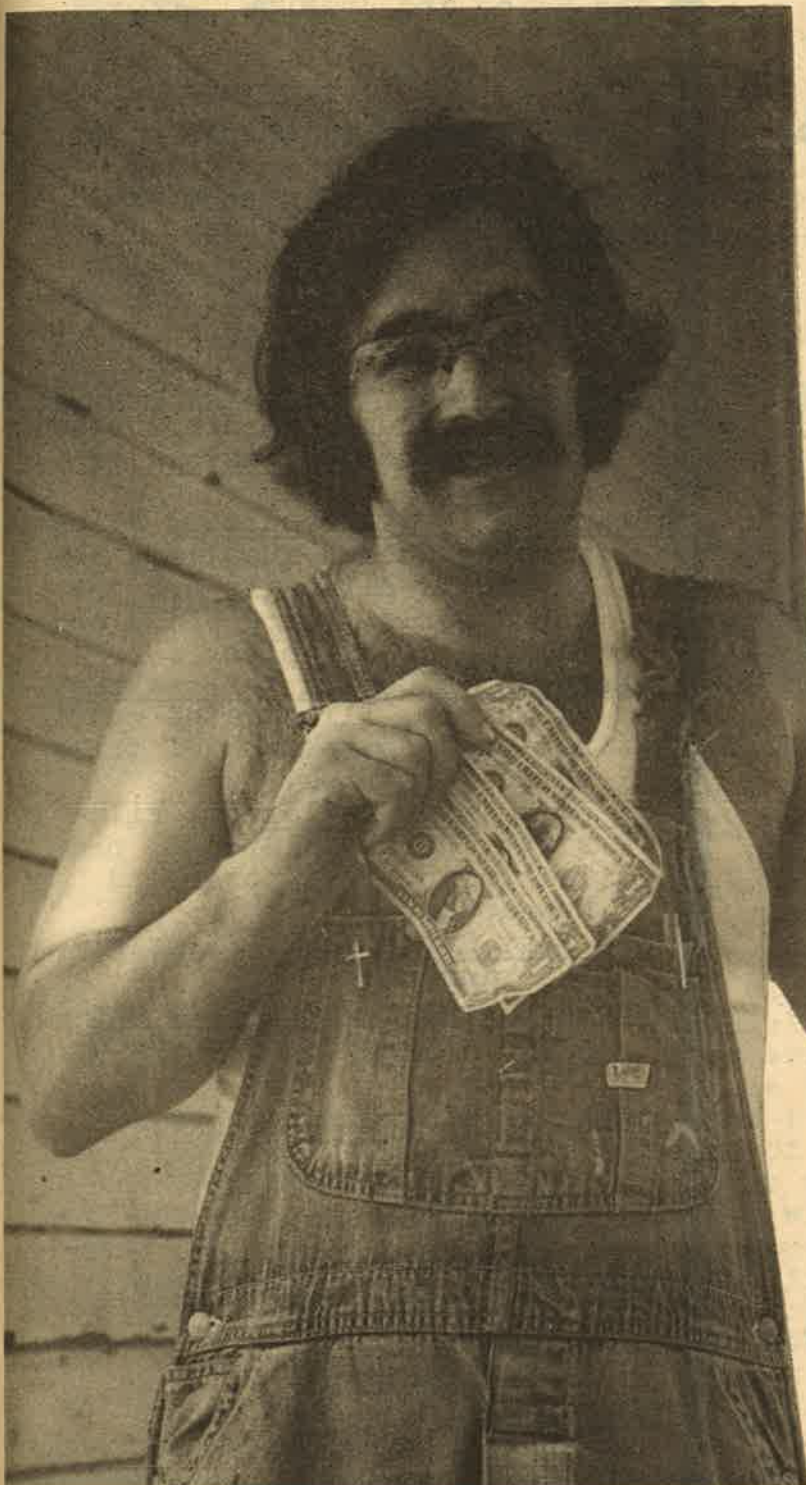
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our

new house

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HELP! ! ! At the time of this writing we are certain of closing the deal on our new house at 1317 8th Street. The appeal letter brought over 50 cash donations toward the purchase and the amount received from those donations should be enough to clear the title of the mortgages and all liens, but as you can see, from the pictures on the cover, the house will need a good deal of work before it can become our home. The story of the house is a sad story indeed. It was owned by a large black family who purchased it five years ago. Little Willie (8 years) and Geneva (10 years) told us that there were four apartments in the house all with extended family members living in each one. Their grandmother owned the house. As the months and years went by the house deteriorated and nothing was done to maintain it. As of last October every family had left but Willie and Geneva's. Then, the water company turned off the water.

Willie also told us that when his grandmother left she boarded up one-half of the basement. We discovered the reason for this later. It seems the main sewage line leading out of the house had collapsed. In essence human excrement had been backing up into the house for nearly four years! With no running water through out most of the winter the stools and the bath tubs were quickly filled with human waste. Most of the windows had been broken or removed. Their water supply must have been carried into the house, but this is something to which we cannot attest. We never knew the house did not have water until a few days before they moved when I walked in on Geneva trying to take a bath in a five gallon bucket of yellow water. We have already removed an entire garbage truckload of raw garbage.

Both Willie and Geneva have been friends of the house since the beginning. They have now moved to another apartment in the neighborhood-- to a home that is in much better condition. Such conditions while not common in Des Moines are not all that rare either. We want to save this house which surely would have become a vacant lot, in a neighborhood filled with vacant lots. We want to restore it to its once stately character. We want to offer hospitality in this house to families like Willie and Geneva's who can turn to places like ours before being trapped in places like they just left.

We need everything! ! ! A new hot water heater, kitchen cabinet and sink, plumbing materials, a shower, electrical materials and an electrician, carpentry materials and a carpenter, windows and doors. We need to get the house fumigated, cleaned and insulated before the winter. We need to pour a new basement floor and touch up the foundation. I have not even checked the heater yet! We have been told by bankers and county officials alike that we are going about this thing in the wrong way. "You cannot move into the place and start working on until you clear the title." They understand the legal side of real estate but not the human side of real estate in our neighborhood. We needed to move in the moment Willie and Geneva moved out in order to let the rest of the neighborhood know that we intended to fix it up. Houses like this cannot remain empty until the legalities are completed because the house will surely be torched. We intend to clear the title on the house and at the same time save the house. Our efforts are those of people who live in the neighborhood, not those of bankers or investors. We need your help! ! ! Help us save this house, and make it a home for the many guests that we will serve.

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Discussions

Cult and culture are the first two points in Peter Maurin's program for the Catholic Worker movement. Therefore, Mass is celebrated every Friday night (unless otherwise noted) at the Worker house, 713 Indiana (one block north of University), at 8:00 PM. Following the liturgy, discussions take place (in Peter's phrase, "clarification of thought"). All are welcome. Upcoming discussions are as follows:

- August 1--The Gospel and Homosexuality, Harold Wells, Drake Campus Ministry.
- Aug. 8--S.A.C. retreat. No Mass or discussion.
- Aug. 15--The Feast of the Assumption-Mass but no discussion.
- Aug. 22--Four Year Anniversary of the D.M. C.W.-Mass and Party afterwards-b.y.o.
- Aug. 29--Mass but no discussion
- Sept. 5--Mass and filmstrip-Every Heart Beats True Christian perspective on military service.
- Sept. 12--Mass and discussion Cult/Culture/Cultivation: Frank Cordaro.
- Sept. 19--Mass and filmstrip-The Hopeful Revolution: Nicaragua.
- Sept. 26--Mass and talk-"A Year in Japan" Richard Cleaver just back after a year in Japan. Also a welcome back to the States party for Richard.

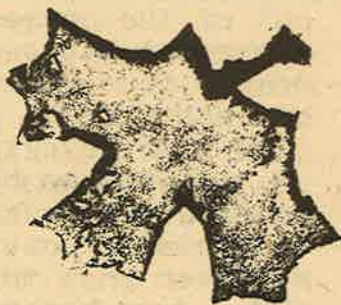
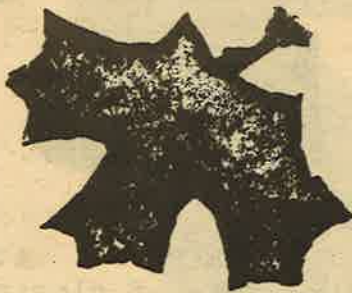
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We salute and thank him for his patience with the messes that we made in his basement during our week-long attempts at practical journalism. Though the newsletter may be a rookies effort, we ate like the pros.

THANK YOU RAY

FRANK

Donna Jean



FLASH!!! Rumor has it Patience Garvey will be back for the fall. Reaction by the C.W. staff 'a wait-see-posture.'

AV's

Audio Visuals: Available from the Peace and Justice Center:

Catholic Worker Slide Show:

The story of the C.W. in Des Moines. Available with a walking, talking staff person by appointment.

Nuclear Disaster: slides, illustrating the destructive capacity of a single nuclear bomb, gives a rough outline of how large our arsenal is.

Alternatives For A Safer Society: Slides, sound, 25 min., based on the handbook Instead of Prisons.

Sharing Global Resources: Slides raising needed questions about multi-nationals and the third world, using Chile and Jamaica as examples.

Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast: Filmstrip, illustrates multinational domination of third world countries.

"I Have Three Children": Filmstrip, Helen Caldicott, pediatrician, on N-power and N-weapons.

The Last Slide Show: Filmstrip, the rams race.

Nuclear Power: The Health Hazards: Tape, Dr. Helen Caldicott.

John, Mary, MIRV and MaRv:

The Arms Race and the Human Race: Slides, Sound, discusses the new weapons systems.

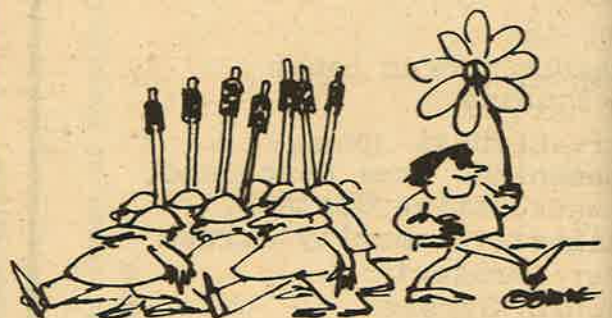
Paul Jacobs and the Nuclear Gang: Video taped documentary on the atomic bomb testing.

Active Non-Violence: Slide show on the history of non-violent action as an agent of change.

The Hopeful Revolution: Nicaragua: Filmstrip on the first year of the Post-revolutionary Nicaragua.

Every Heart Beats True: Filmstrip presentation on Christianity and Pacivism.

Available on request and availability--donations will be accepted.



Center on Law and Pacifism will hold its 3rd annual national conference in Denver, CO November 7-9. Entitled "Civil Disobedience at the Crossroads" the conference is conceived to be a prayerful and hopeful search for new directions in the movement to resist nuclear and military madness. Major speaker(s) will be Shelley Douglass (and Jim, if he's out of jail at the time). For information and registration contact the Center on Law and Pacifism, P.O. Box 1584, Colorado Springs, CO 80901, tel. (303) 635-0041



what's happening

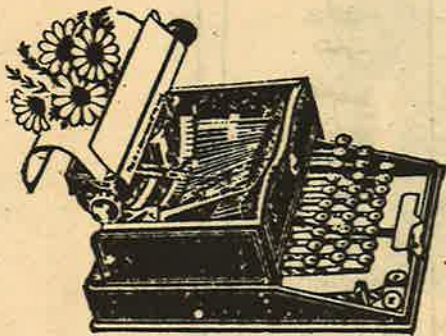
by Frank Cordaro

After over two weeks of 90° weather we have had our first 100° day. The guest flow has not let up since our record high of 98 in the month of June. This issue of the Via Pacis will be a humble effort. We are sorely missing Tim Brennan who edited it the past few months. Tim has returned to Milwaukee to finish his masters of Theology at Marquette, and Steve Marsden, his heir apparent, has not been with us long enough at any given time to put an issue together. It looks like this issue will be created by many rookies, including myself. It goes to show you that if you stay long enough at any C.W. there is nothing you will not have to do at one time or another. Though our publication efforts have suffered this summer, our energy has not. I often get the distinct feeling that we are a three-ring circus at the corner of 8th and Indiana.

Around supper-time this place is humming. Our hospitality efforts have never been more lively. Our guests gather for the evening meal with a few odds and ends, such as Carl. Carl lives across the street and is an old WWII veteran whose alcoholism will surely bring him to an early grave. He is only allowed to eat if he comes in on time and is not so obviously drunk that he disturbs the rest of the house. Nearly every night 20 or more folks have gathered around our dinner table. Across the street at the Ligutti Community Garden there is almost always an Asian family who is watering or weeding their plot after the regular work day.

Our water bill should hit the roof next month. The Justice and Peace Center has been put to use nearly every night of the week. Our friends in the Socialist Party have used the Center for their regional meetings and as a headquarters for Kalonji Sadiqu congressional campaign, and there has been a Des Moines area interfaith group planning the August 9th observance for the City, as well as visits from the Diocesan Disarmament Task Force. All this and our own efforts to organize events in

conjunction with registration for the draft. The Justice and Peace Center has been a busy place. The high point of all comes on Tuesday afternoon at 5:15 when Fr. Bert is on hand to say a community Eucharist. I can really sense the wholeness of the C.W. program of cult, culture, and cultivation. And buying another house I feel like we are exploding! PRAISE THE LORD! This great effort is now a group endeavor and there are many people who make it happen both inside and outside the houses.



THANK YOU ALL! ! !

There are some folks that need to be mentioned for their on-going work for the houses. Fr. Dave Polich has taken a more legal approach to his support. I often questioned the wisdom of being the only individual holding title. With my persuasion we have changed the title to the houses so Dave and I are both named as holders of title. This should leave the community free to continue with the work if anything happens to me. Dave has been one to give of himself and his resources whenever we have had any need of them.

We must make special mention of the group of women from Circle 7 of the Holy Trinity Altar and Rosary Society. These valiant women have been doing the house laundry for nearly three years! Their numbers have dwindled during the summer months and we would like to mention them individually as the "Clean Team". They are Jan Ramsey, Maureen Lyons, Mary Keck, Mary Sanders, Cathy Chebuchar, and Barb Hans. These folks pick up all the bedding and towels that the houses use. During the summer months this load increases significantly. We salute you good people! Anyone interested in joining the "Clean Team" should contact Barb Hans at 255-8174. They can surely use some more help!

We also want to thank Cy Engler for his contributive services toward our new house. Cy has been our real estate person since we began and has not charged us a cent--in fact he and his family have contributed generously to our efforts.

Finally I would like to mention two grand women who have been with us since the beginning: Helen Tichy and Mother Cordaro. Both of these good women are weekly visitors to the houses. Helen can always be counted upon to cover the house when we are in a pinch, and my mother is our most faithful attendant to the

Eucharist. There are others that should be mentioned, and I hope in the future to make the Thank You Box a regular feature.

Visitors:

There has been a steady flow of folks visiting us over the past few months. Sr. Diane Drufenbrock was on hand for a Friday night discussion. Sr. Drufenbrock is the vice presidential candidate for the Socialist party. Her warm and gentle "school teacher" appearance with her issue oriented campaign gives a person something to think about in this year of non-choices. Bob Renfo dropped by briefly to give a few dollars to the houses and to say hello. Bob spent some time with us after he got out of the army as a C.O. I will never forget the time Bob had to wrestle a woman guest to the ground as she was attempting to stab her husband with a kitchen knife after her husband smashed her in the mouth. It goes to show you that being a C.O. does not mean being passive in the face of violence! One guest of note was a 77 year old Dubuquean named Elsa. She came to Des Moines on the bus to set the U.S. government straight in regards to her son's pension. She came to Des Moines not knowing a soul and was sent to our house for the night. A real joy to have around the house with a lot of fight left in her. The Sortbergs decided to drop their donation to the new house personally and took home with them Survivor, the last of the five kitten litter of the house cat Boots. We called the kitten Survivor because it was the only one that did not die for one reason or another. For the past month Leighton Berryhill has been residing in the first floor office of the Ligutti house. It served as her sleeping quarters and campaign headquarters for Kalonji Sadiqu. Thanks to Leighton's efforts Kalonji's name will appear on the ballot this fall. Gary Severin is back from his

African trip and is spending a couple of weeks in Des Moines before he returns to California. It was good to hear about his travels and to visit with him again. We hope that he will be able to fix the electrical shorts in our Volkswagon before he leaves.

Our house has also been graced by the visit of Walter Gormley from Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Walter was a draft resister during W.W.II and spent three years in federal prison. He spoke at the town meeting on registration. It was a real treat to have Walter here with us. We asked a couple of the guys who had made the retreat on registration resistance to come over for dinner to meet Walter. Though nearly three generations separated the older resister from the younger ones, they had no difficulty communicating with each other.

Events and Issues:

Kalonji Lambumba Sadiqu announced his candidacy for the Des Moines area congressional seat on the Socialist ticket.

The Catholic Worker does not endorse any federal candidates for two reasons. It is our belief that the federal government is so evil that involvement within it is a moral question, and secondly, as personalists we do not advocate any centralist government that does not encourage direct, individual responsibility or which does not grant the power to individuals to determine what is, and what is not, done in the name of that government. The present U.S. government is obviously not that type of government. However, the Justice and Peace Center, which is housed in the Ligutti C.W., allows for a broader variety of ideas and philosophies than does the Catholic Worker movement. There is one norm that both the Justice and Peace Center and the Catholic Worker demand, that is strict adherence to active non-violence as the only acceptable form of social change. Our Socialist brothers and sisters in Iowa have shared with us in many demonstrations against common evils such as; union busting, nuclear power, nuclear weapons, prisons, and the arms race. We have become friends sharing many of the same ideals and hopes for the future. This is why we permit the Socialists to use our Justice and Peace Center for their meetings and public gatherings. We are not in favor of one political party over another. As soon as the Republican or Democratic parties advocate strict adherence to non-violence they will also be welcome to use our Justice and Peace Center.

The Gay March in Des Moines brought together about 100 people on a hot Saturday afternoon. The route took the group through the downtown area and ended Nollen Plaza for speeches and music. I was one of the speakers and read one of the very fine gay civil rights statements put out by New Ways Ministry. Anyone interested in finding out more about this coalition of Catholics in support of gay peoples' rights can write to New Ways Ministry/ 3312 Buchanan St. #302/ Mount Ranier, MD 20822 or drop by the Justice and Peace Center.

Registration is upon us and there has been a lot of activity around the Catholic Worker concerning registration.

Rusty Martin who is with us this summer has gone public with his intent not to register. Rusty's decision not to register was made some time ago, but he really began to attract attention when he helped to organize a retreat for young people considering resistance to registration. Rusty put his name as the local contact for the retreat and noted that he was a registrant age resister. The news media picked

up on this. The Des Moines Register ran a front page story on Rusty and the houses have been hopping ever since. Five young men attended the retreat. It was a full day and a half of life-sharing, film strips, and information sharing. All five intend to resist registration. Registration has also attracted the attention of non-draft age individuals. On the Thursday before registration the Task Force Against Conscription had a "Town Meeting" at the Wilke House. About 100 folks showed up to hear speeches against registration and in favor of registration. A guest of ours,

Walter Gormley, was a speaker and Lem Genovese, a Vietnam Vet Against the War, added a couple of songs. As the registration day approached the constitutionality issue flip-flopped through the courts. But just as the government went ahead with the registration of America's young men, four Young Iowans announced publicly their intent not to register. (story on p. 6).

The Black Hills Survival Summer is upon us. We are sending four of the staff: Randy, Walter, Norman, and Fr. Bert. Brent Vanderlin has been in charge of transportation for the Des Moines area. Rusty, Donna and I look forward to their return with their tales of the wild west, as well as their help around the houses! May the good Lord bring them home to us all the better for their effort.



COMMUNITY:

Lydia Caros has finally settled into her regular pattern at the hospital. What a schedule! She is on call every other night and so is spending many of her nights sleeping at the hospital. We have also been continually blessed with the presence of Fr. Bert Wilwerding. Bert has been temporarily assigned to Elkhart, Iowa about 20 miles north of Des Moines. He lives with us during the week and on the weekends he is in Elkhart. Bert has also taken on the task of making the "new" house habitable as his special project. We have learned quickly that Bert is not afraid to jump in with both feet--he is primarily responsible for clearing out the five years of human excrement that had accumulated in the basement of the "new" house since the main sewage line had collapsed. An old summer hand who is with us for a repeat performance is Donna Henderson. Donna will be in her second year of law school at St. Louis U. come fall. That means we now have a doctor, a priest and a law student living with us right now--we must be doing something right! Donna is working for Ray Conley during the days combining babysitting and legal research. Ray is a long time friend of the house who has done legal work for us when it was desperately needed. The new folks who have joined the effort are Randy Gieseke, Walter Clark, Norman Searah, and Rusty Martin. Randy moved into the houses when Peter, Tim, and Gary left. He is our resident artist who has put his skills to practice by putting a hole in the wall between the kitchen and the dining room making-

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The Story of Peter

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B-4 Richmond Times-Dispatch, Fri., June 6, 1980



Staff Photo by M. Amir Pishdar

Peter DeMott (left), the Revs. John Egan, Roy Bourgeois in City Jail
They Were Visited by Brother Louis deBenedette (rear), a Compatriot in Their Cause

Stanley Vishnewski would say that there are two types of people who worked at the Catholic Worker; the saints and the martyrs. "The Saints are always cheerful and self-sacrificing. They give of themselves to guest and staff alike. The martyrs are the rest of us who have to live with the saints." Peter DeMott is one of the saints. Prior to his arrival we were warned by his friends in Omaha that Peter was without a single vice. We soon found out the truth of their statements. He liked a beer once in a while, but never out of proportion and almost always on social occasions. His monk's pallet is now a legend. He loved to get up at the crack of dawn to run the ten miles out to the city limits and back. He did his running in old army work boots! He had a real aversion to energy consuming machines of all kinds, especially the auto. He literally would not accept rides to places in the city. Even if the entire community was to go to the same destination. Peter would insist on running or riding his "orphan" bicycle. It was an orphan bike because it was made from about a dozen partial bikes that Peter had found in the neighborhood. On trips outside the city Peter would normally hichhike. On occasion Peter would ride with us to other cities though he said more than once that we should consider getting rid of our Volkswagon, since he saw no real need of having it. Those of us who have lived with Peter believe his true calling to be that of a inventor, however. Some of his more notable inventions are homemade flyswipper called the "flyswipper," homemade sandals, and a "sit-up" machine. Despite his saintly character, Peter was simply a joy to have around for a party. The conversation was never dull. Peter's distinctive vocabulary and endless recall of both poetry and prose made him a hit at any gathering. Our favorite song was "The Keeper of the Eddy Stone Light."

Peter was no stranger to the world. Originally from Omaha and a graduate of Creighton Prep, his post-high school days echo those of a soldier of fortune. Upon his graduation from high school he entered the Society of Jesus but left after three years to enter the military. Three years in the marines with duty in Vietnam and another four years in the army with overseas duty in Turkey gave Peter a variety of experiences upon which to expound. While in Turkey he served as a translator--ergo his "fun" with languages. Peter would say, the only difference between the Jesuits and the military was that the Jesuits get up at 4:30 and in the military one gets up at 5:30. Once out of the service he went back to school. This time the diocesan seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

It took a little over a year for Peter to discover that the priesthood was not for him, but ever since he makes it a point of being in the company of priests at the strangest times. Back to Omaha and working at odd jobs for cash led Peter to his association with the Serpents and Doves Community there and to his first demonstration--the arms bazzare in Rosemont in February, 1979. On their way through to the Chicago area the Omaha folks stopped at the Des Moines Worker and we met Peter for the first time. All Peter wanted was a cup of hot water and some lemon juice. Peter was arrested at the arms bazzare with Fr. Roy Bourgeois, Fr. Carl Kabet, and Fr. Darrell Rupiper--see what I said about the priests and Peter. The following spring we were low on staff and I was planning to do civil disobedience at the Palo Nuke in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Peter came to Des Moines to help staff the house while I risked imprisonment. His intent was to stay a couple of weeks. He stayed over fourteen months. I remember asking Peter how long he was going to stay with us so I could plan ahead. Peter said, "Don't ask me how long I'm going to stay because once I make a commitment I'll feel trapped by it. I might stay a day or a year. Let's go a day at a time." I should know better than to try to plan ahead at a Catholic Worker. You need to trust in God's timing and not your own. While at the Worker Peter added a certain class to the house. My mother would say she felt better about the place when Peter was here--it was in good hands.

Peter's departure was as subtle as his arrival. A note under my door one day told me that he was on his way to Omaha to help out the struggling C.W. there and thanked me for the "learning experience." He did not leave without laying the seeds for his replacement, he did lead two present staff

members to the house--Fr. Bert and Randy. How about that! The guy replaces himself with two staff! Dorothy Day was surely right when she said, "The Gold moves on and the cross remains." His visit to Omaha was short lived however. He left to go to the Pentagon with the Chicago area people for a Jonah House session. We received word in late May that he and several others were arrested for blood spilling at the Pentagon. Peter received thirty days. Peter sent us a copy of the article and picture of himself with Fr. Eagan and Fr. Roy Bourgeois. All of whom he was spending jail time with in Richmond, Virginia. Peter must have this thing about priests because he is with them in the strangest places.

Our friend Peter would be with us today but the courts found it necessary to tack another six months on Peter's sentence because his latest arrest was a violation of his probation from a previous incident at the Pentagon. PLEASE WRITE TO MR. PETER DE MOTT/ Lewisburg Federal Prison Camp/ P.O. Box 1000 Lewisburg, PA. 17837. He should be there well into the fall. Tell him we miss him and love him. Tell him we support him and also tell him to come back to us. May be your letters of flattery will get him to come back--he must be tired of mine!

Frank Cordaro



6.
RUSTY MARTIN: 20 year old resister from Newell, Iowa.

This is not an easy thing for me to do. Jail scares me. I would rather go to college with my girlfriend than go to jail. Being separated from her, my family, and my friends will hurt me deeply. I really wonder if I can survive a stay in prison. I would not choose to bring these things upon myself if I could avoid it. I do not like it. I would rather not face it. But the issue is not what feels good, or what will be best for me in the long run. The question is, "Can the convictions, beliefs, and ideals which are me be compromised in such a way as to allow me to participate in this draft registration? No, these can not be compromised if I am to remain true to myself." In spite of a sense of dread, I refuse register.

REV. CHESTER GUINN: United Methodist minister, chairperson of Consortium on International Peace and Reconciliation, and father of a nineteen year old son.

I love my country, its heritage of freedom, its founding on trust in God.

I am convinced that registration and the dependence on militarism in general are counter-productive to freedom and contain the seeds of self-destruction. We, the American people, are tested daily to determine how well the scare propaganda is doing its job. Registration is not a military necessity (Iowa's two senators and five representatives voted against it); rather, registration is a major test to indicate how willing we are to follow insane leadership with blind trust and obedience.

Remember Jonestown? Our Rev. Jones is the Pentagon, the Department of War (sic), and the National Security Council. Recall the Jonestown rehearsals when men, women, and children filed by the kool-aid vats on many occasions to prepare themselves psychologically for the day the cyanide might be added. Registration is a rehearsal for a suicidal act. It is better to risk imprisonment than to cooperate with this dangerous foolishness.

Both age and profession insulate me from registration and the penalties for non-cooperation. However, I choose to stand with the young citizens who risk prosecution. The law does provide that any counselor who aids, abets or harbors a resister may be subject to the same penalty, five years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine. Let it be a matter of record that I intend to use my professional ministerial counseling role to aid any resister who requests my assistance, based on all of the above reasons and my constitutional right to speak freely.

JEFF PATCH: 19 year old from Des Moines, Iowa.

I am refusing to register today because I do not believe that war is a good solution to world problems. I chose not to register instead of asking to be a Conscientious Objector because I cannot support a system that would ask 4 million of my brothers to risk going to fight for another's oil. I am worth more than a barrel of oil and so is anyone who happens to be 19 or 20 years old.

Although I am only 19, I have had many difficult experiences. I am a recovering alcoholic and drug abuser. I have had a real struggle dealing with these addictions. I now care too much about my life and the lives of others to let the corporate interests of a few risk the lives of my generation. Working through my addictions I realize the power and control over my life that the drugs once had. As a country we need to get off the addiction of power and violence, and work out our problems in peaceful, non-violent ways.

I do not take this action lightly. I am scared. I do not want to go to jail. I hope that by our actions here today will bring others like us the courage to stand up and refuse to register. If many of us refuse now, registration will collapse. It will let our government know that young people will not fight "special interest wars ever again." The greatest danger to our country's democracy is not communism but the silence of its citizens.

I plead with all men and women to refuse registration, now and in the future. I ask parents and other concerned citizens to take the risk and aid, abet, counsel, and harbor registration resisters. We need to unite and not give the government the chance to use the young as pawns of corporate interest.

BERNADINE PIEPER, CHM: Catholic sister and Executive Director of the American Friends Service Committee.

It might seem that because of my sex, my age, and my profession, I should not be here. I come as an individual who firmly believes in the right of each person to follow an informed conscience. I also believe that religious leaders must not merely talk about peace; we must stand along side and take the same risks as, for example, 19 and 20 year olds who are making a brave but difficult stand for peace. I come in the tradition of my membership in the Sisters of

The Des Moines



Protest registration

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Humility of Mary who have pledged ourselves "to a radical response to gospel of universal love . . . interpreted as a call to be both revolutionaries and reconcilers . . . in the areas of race, poverty and war." I come as a Roman Catholic who recognizes that the mood of our nation is in sharp contrast to the words of Pope Paul VI, repeated by Pope John Paul II at the United Nations: "War No More. Never Again War," and to the Catholic Bishops who recently said, "A consensus against the use of military force needs to be established." I come as a executive secretary of the North Central Region of the American Friends Service Committee whose national board approved this statement: "We reach out to be of service to all young people who face registration, assisting them to make informed decisions based on individual conscience wherever it leads. The A.F.S.C. encourages young people to follow the dictates of their individual consciences and supports both conscientious refusal to register for the draft and conscientious objection to military service following registration." Somehow, through my presence here today, I hope to assist in raising up the power of peace and life.

GARY EKLUND: 20 year old resister from Davenport, Iowa

I refuse to participate in any way with the preparation for war. This is registration for the draft, and if there were not plans for the draft there would not be any need for registration. There would be no plan for a draft if there were not plans for war. War must be given up as a means of solving conflicts. We are now in a nuclear age. Our next holocaust will destroy civilization and life as we know it. Perhaps when we have destroyed the world through a nuclear exchange our president will fly over the country in his private plane and cry and ask how we ever could have been so incredibly stupid. But that will be too late. If we want to survive we must realize that we are heading down the path of no return. There can be no more wars. If you consider me a threat to society and wish to label me a criminal, put me in prison where I will be raped and beaten for my refusal to take part in the preparation for war. Well I'll go to prison. I'll be beaten and raped. But I will not kill because some fools think going to war is a good idea! I will quote Timothy Zimmer a conscientious objector. "We must be free to chose to act and to be responsible for our choices and actions . . . there

is no greater right . . . higher law than that of conscience. For conscience makes humans of us all."

REV. BOB COOK: Pastor of Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church and Director of CROSS Ministries.

I stand with these four men and with anyone who has made the decision to resist registration for the draft into the armed services. The decision for them is a difficult one demanding a strong conviction and commitment to peace. Our troubled society needs these young men with their insights and visions for peace and justice and their hopes for the future. The draft is involuntary and contrary to the American way of life. We talk of freedom and then we teach young men how to kill and be war mongrels to protect the interests of the multinational corporations. Defense is not the issue here. Aggressive planning for a war is. There never has been a registration without a war. These men have said they will not participate in plans for war. It is a courageous and just stand they have taken. I stand with them, affirm their decision, and I am ready to aid them in anyway that I can.

JERRY MOHOLIVICH: 19 year old from Des Moines.

I believe the government has overstepped its boundaries in requiring men to register for the draft. I feel they are presuming a power which they should not be allowed--acting as an individual's conscience on matters of life and death. I will refuse to register and will encourage as many people as I can to do the same. If people resist the registration it will force the government to do as its constituency wants and will in the end uphold democracy.

FR. DAVE POLICH: Catholic priest, associate pastor of St. Anthony Catholic Church and Chairperson of the Priests' Peace and Justice Committee.

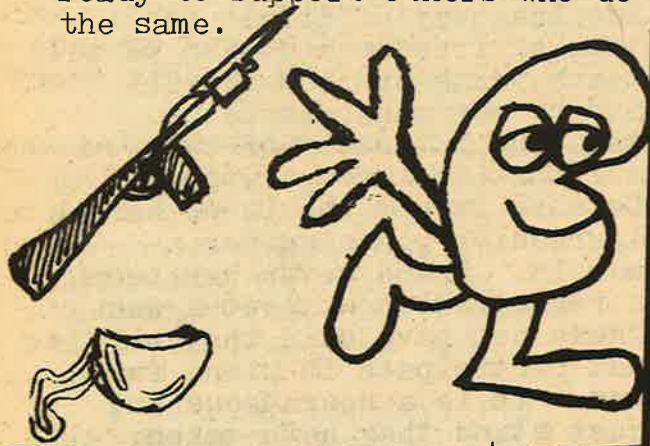
We live in a complex and confusing world in which the temptation grows greater and greater to turn in on ourselves, to avoid questions and problems which seem too large to handle, or--even worse-- to seek easy simplistic solutions. The militaristic feelings which are growing so rapidly are signs of that frustrated, fearful, short-cut attitude. It's sad that in a nation which considers itself moral and religious, the machinery of war seldom has to justify itself, while those who question it on the basis of conscience or religious principles are placed on the defensive. We have reached a time when we must challenge

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the morality of unquestioningly accepting whatever is requested by the military; a time when we must challenge the morality of flexing our muscles in pride or frustration or anger; a time when we must challenge the morality of preparing for destruction; because the stakes are high, and the justification for these actions does not exist.

Today four men are taking a stand in conscience to resist that machinery. I thank them for that because in doing so they are calling all of us to examine this nation's foreign and military policies in light of our moral standards, our conscience, and our faith. I stand with these men and am ready to support others who do the same.



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ing a serving table between the two. A terrific idea! I do not know why we never thought of it before. The whole effort cost us less than 10 dollars! Walt, Randy's former roommate has moved in with us splitting his time between the C.W. and the Runaway Shelter here in the City. Walt brings with him the experience of laying out a H.S. paper; I hope to put his talents to good use. Norman is the surprise of the summer. He comes to us by way of Mustard Seed Catholic Worker in Wochester, Mass. He was on his way through to Portland and the C.W. there when he stopped to visit. He discovered we were venturing into a new project with the rehabing of the "new" house and decided to stay and help with the repairs. Norman is the first person to move into the new house, mainly to secure it from vandalism. A kind, gentle soul who works like a dog. The Lord is GOOD! Rounding out our summer staff is Rusty. The youngest and the most energetic of the crowd. Rusty will be a sophomore at U.N.I. this fall, my old alma mater. Rusty heard me speak at U.N.I. last spring and decided to check the place out over the summer. While here he has caused quite a stir. Rusty is of registration age and has gone public with his intent to refuse registration. We affirm him in his decision and have given him the supportive space in which to grow in his conviction. Rusty comes from the small town of Newell, Iowa and has a very limited experience with the poor and minorities of this country. His inexperience

came to light recently when an Indian guest returned to the house under the influence and with three bottles in hand. Ed never even made it to the bed, crashing on the floor beside his bunk. When Rusty came upon Ed in his altered state, he just figured Ed was doing some Indian exercises and passed him by. Thanks to Fr. Bert, we discovered Ed. Rusty grows by leaps and bounds every day!

Marlas Baker has returned as a member of our community after six weeks at Vocational Rehab. Marlas completed her G.E.D. and is presently looking for permanent employment. Congratulations and Welcome Back Marlas!

In the extended community some sad news. Joe DeVias's father and Patience Garvey's grandmother passed away recently. They are in our prayers. On the good side: Jacquee Dickey has gotten a job with the Iowa Peace Network. She is still planning to attend Drake part-time. Rev. Bob Cook and Brent Vanderlin are now taking guests on a regular basis. One of their guests, Bill Burrows, is such a good cook that there is talk that they will not let him go. We have received word from Richard Cleaver who has been in Tokyo, Japan. He is returning at the end of September! It will be good to have him home again!

About Frank: I have been hot! Too much work to be done. The effort of the new house and trying to get this issue of Via Pacis off have weighed heavily on my mind. Deeper still is the constant thought of our friend Peter De Mott spending six months in the slammer. I am sure that Peter will hold up well throughout the ordeal. Those three years with the Jesuits and seven in the military will not be put to waste. We think of Peter each moment and pray for him often. The message put forth when a loved one is put behind bars is of immeasurable quality. It is the spark of the spirit. His witness inspires us to continue to struggle for the peaceable kingdom of Christ--a place where there is no need for weapons or locks on our doors, and no brother or sister goes without while others indulge in abundance. It is easier to believe in such a place when there are others who are willing to suffer imprisonment to bring about such a world. Thank You, Peter. You feed my spirit with your life. I, too, am thinking about risking arrest on August 9th at S.A.C. This could be the time I am put away for a long stay. I am sure that there will be folks who will say I am wasting my time behind bars when there is so much work to be done at the houses. I can only hope that there will be more who will support me and the Worker no



matter what happens. It will give the spirit the needed time to call forth from the community the needed ministers to serve. I believe this. I must believe because of Peter, because of the Risen Lord, and because there is no other choice!

C.W. Womens' Weekend



On July 19th eight women from mid-West C.W. houses gathered in Dubuque to discuss women and the Worker movement. Many topics were discussed. The most appreciated aspect of the day was the opportunity to share the common problems and struggles of women as members of church and as members of the C.W. movement.

Ideals expressed as those for which women and men within our C.W. communities should strive were; 1.) that every issue of the community papers, should contain at least one womens' article (this issue does not count!), 2.) that community members should help each other to become more aware of the latent sexism within the community, and that this sexism often flows into the community's celebrations, 3.) that the women of the Workers should meet again in order to share and reflect on the issues of women within the C.W. movement and to support each other in the struggle.

Donna Henderson

"The human right of life extends an individual's dignity beyond death and backwards before birth."

Sr. Diane Drufenbrock-Socialist Candidate for V-P 1980

ON HOSPITALITY



By Donna Jean Henderson

Already June had been the busiest month in the history of the house and we were only two weeks into it. No fatigue had set in though, and we all congratulated each other on how well we were handling the "multitudes".

A family that had come in tonight was already asleep after having some leftovers. They reminded me of my own family. How often we had travelled long distances in the family car without crushing repair expenses, and yet on their way to the wedding of a close relative this family had been separated from a caravan of friends and relatives headed for New York. Their past two days had been spent hitching rides to a tiny Iowa town and gas station, waiting for the car to be repaired, paying all their vacation funds to a service station attendant--leaving nothing to spend for food or gas. In their need they had done something very logical, but of which I in my cynicism would have never thought. They found a church--the cathedral. The good fathers sent them to us. They appeared at our door--clean, neat, extremely helpful, good-looking . . . much like any middle class American family.

But as usual we had a managerie of other guests too. Like the American Indian who had come for dinner and had stayed to clean, prepare and freeze three cases of grapes. After finishing the grapes, he joined us for vespers and shared with us aspects of his Indian faith and his ten year bout with alcoholism. He would stay a few days while he looked for a job as a counselor to alcoholics. After a long day and a long evening we all headed to our rooms, but my night was not to end yet.

Two hours into my night's sleep there was a panicked pounding at the door. I thought for a moment, "Dream or reality? Reality, no doubt about it, I rushed down the stairs to find our Indian friend standing in-

side the locked screen door looking out at a scantily dressed black woman. I thought to myself, "What could be the rush at this hour." There were only a couple hours to day light. I was greeted by, "I've got to get away from my man! He just started beating me up again!" The Indian and I glanced at each other, baffled. The odor of alcohol permeated the distance between us, and I tiredly snapped, "Have you been drinking?" Christ just would not come to the door at 2:30 am loaded, would he? Then noticing her attire I asked, "Your man is not following you is he?" My imagination ran rampant. Just what I needed, a man and women, in both of whom I'm supposed to see Christ, clawing each other to death. Then another thought crossed my mind, the man might be her pimp and might come to tell her she had another two hours on the street. I opened the door. She told me that she had been drinking earlier but that she was not drunk now, and that she had to "get away from her man." I rationalized that in the few hours until morning her presence would be harmless. I would get the story in the morning and without even asking her name I showed her to a bed, locked the door (in the event of another Christ-like person wishing to take her away), and went to bed.

There are times when I long to see my picture-perfect Jesus, like the family that came to us tonight. Hospitality with a smile. But then my impressions are shattered by those who come to the door and show me how much more broken Christ really is.

Mary, a young mother with her youngest son on her lap, sits

before me. She was left on the roadside by her husband who took their eldest son. A couple of weeks ago a battered wife--she will now try to begin again. Eric, her son, suckles at her breast oblivious to the chaos around him. He has all that he needs for now. His light brown skin and irresistible smile commands much attention from the community. We can easily imagine the helplessness of the Christ child in Eric. His playpen, a manger? Ourselves and our guests, visitors to the young Lord? But helpless nevertheless commanding and demanding our attention for his every need.

Where is our hope to find the Christ? It is in the opening of our hearts which will lead to the opening of our homes. I wonder often about the new needs which Christ will have when she comes to the door the next time and what new within me that I will be asked to give.

I return to stir my vegetable soup on the stove, but I hear several soft raps on the door. I stretch my neck to see around the corner and through the screen door but cannot. I put the lid on the soup and go to see who is there. A smile drifts across my face when I see the sad, gaunt face of Iva. She will stay a few days--enough to put on a few pounds and a few days sleep. Iva is well known to the mid-West C.W. circuit as well as a familiar face to our house. Another image of Christ at our Door.

* NRC Staff SECY_78-560 October 26, 1978 Harold Denton, Honicker v. Hendrie.

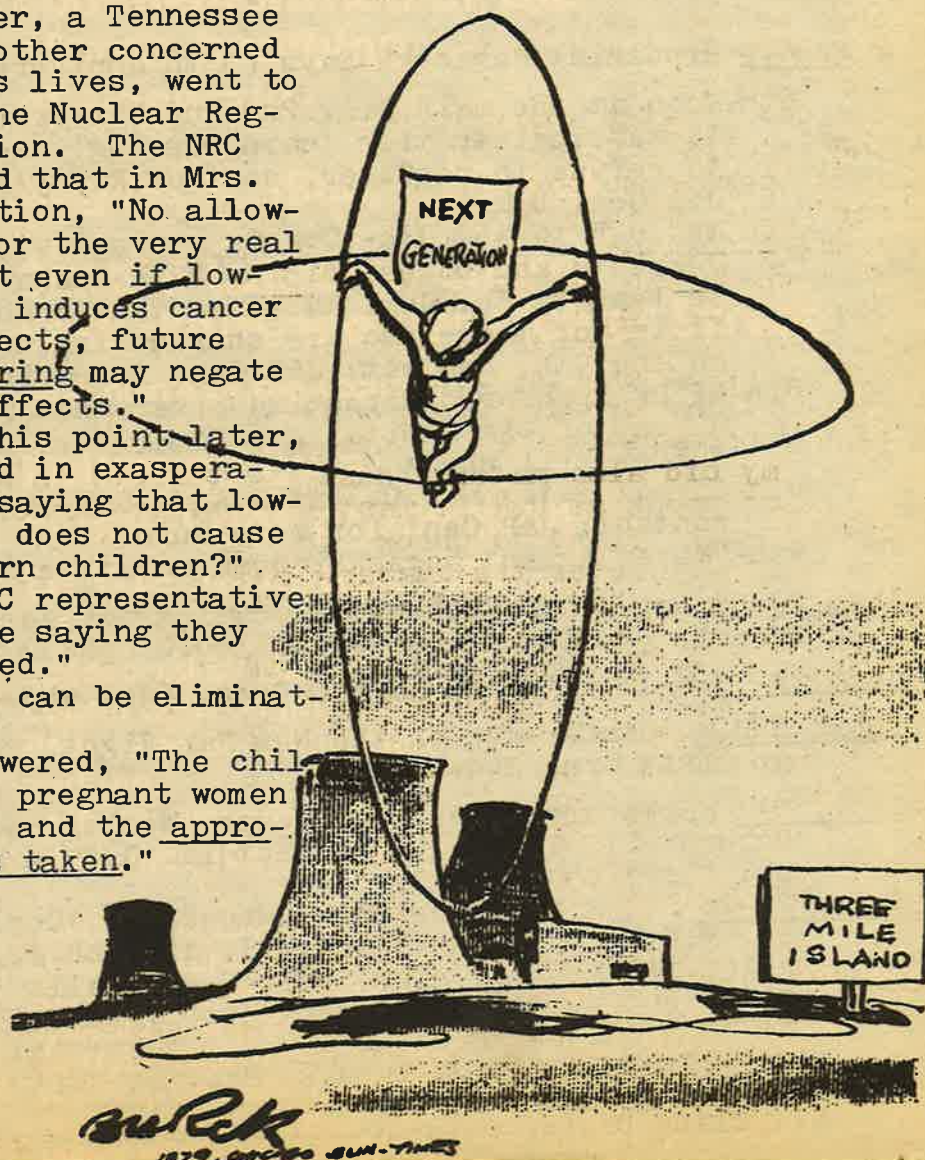
Jeannine Honicker, a Tennessee housewife and mother concerned about children's lives, went to court against the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The NRC staff complained that in Mrs. Honicker's petition, "No allowance was made for the very real possibility that even if low-level radiation induces cancer and genetic defects, future genetic engineering may negate many of these effects."

Discussing this point later, one doctor asked in exasperation, "Are you saying that low-level radiation does not cause defects in unborn children?"

"No," the NRC representative answered, "We're saying they can be eliminated."

"The defects can be eliminated?"

"No," he answered, "The children. That is, pregnant women can be screened and the appropriate measures taken."



A Jail Vigil

I circle round
The hole of a demolished building.
Soon a new structure would stand.

Soon a new location
For those incarcerated
Would fill this space
Containing those who
In the pattern of the law
Would need to be detained.
I walked the circle round
And thought on these things.

Little do I know of what
 they did.
Little would I have the
 right to judge
But when this hole is filled
They will stand inside
As I stand without
And now I walk the circle round

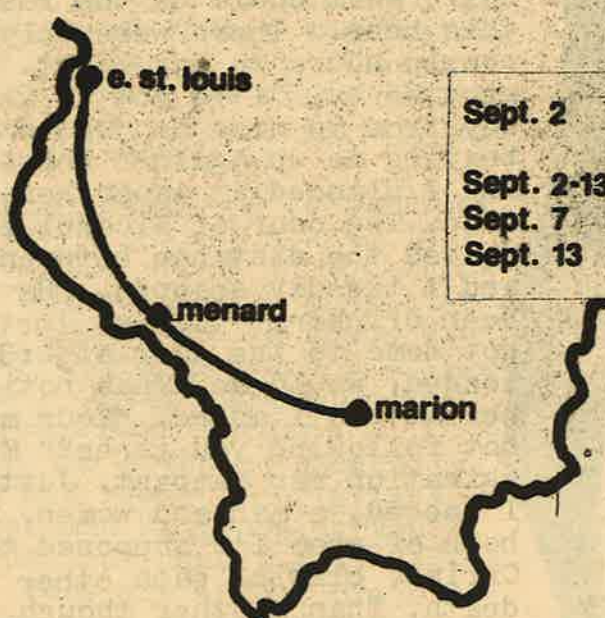
So as each step takes me
On this pikgrimage
Of seeking to understand
What brings our society to such
 aneed
I pray for those yet to come
To this place.

I walk the circle round
Embracing all who shall be there
Embracing those who wait,
Those who work,
Those who do their task.
My steps become a prayer.
Activating what will be,
Opening the possibilities of God
Redeeming through our reach
Making whole the fragmented
lives,

I walk the circle round
Offering an embrace of hope,
Praying we may all someday be free.

Rev. Donald L. Carver
Written during the Holy
Thursday Vigil in Front
of the Polk County Jail

"Walk with the Marion Brothers"



**Sept. 2 - Walk begins, U.S. Courthouse,
East St. Louis**

Sept. 2-13- Walk proceeds downstate

Sept. 7 - Rally at Menard death row

Sept. 13 - Mass Rally at Marion

Mass Rally Speakers

Daniel Berrigan
Rev. Ben Chavis
Raphael Cancel Miranda
Rev. Leon White
Larry Gara
John Trudell
Audrey Myers

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DATES/EVENTS/CONTACTS

Aug. 6-9 Hiroshima/Nagasaki Days (35th anniversary of A-bombing)

6th-Noon at the main P.O. 2nd and University in D.M. an
in mass registration 'card burning' and public witness
to refuse to register, contact; Rusty/Jeff/Matthew--
J&P Cen. D.M.

7th through to the 9th- S.A.C. retreat starting at 7pm at Serpents and Doves, 613 N. 17th Omaha. The retreat will be lead by Fr. Carl Kabet of the Jonah House Community. It is for those who are considering doing C.D. at S.A.C. on the 9th, contact: J&P Cen. for more info.

8th-WILPF sponsored Hiroshima observance at Janpanese Bell,
S. end of the Capital grounds D.M., 7 pm, Sen. John
Culver will speak

9th-Direct action (C.D.) at S.A.C. Support rally at 1pm
contact; J&P Cen. for more info.

9th-"Never Again" Nagasaki commemorative service (see p.11 V.P.)

Aug. 22-24 Ia. F.O.R. Retreat (location not set) contact Jim
Dubert, 129 Ash #2, Ames Ia. 50010 ph: 2929471

Sept. 2-13 Walk with the Marion Bros. (see above for info.)

Sept. 6 D.M. Conference on the New Far Right, contact Dan Clark
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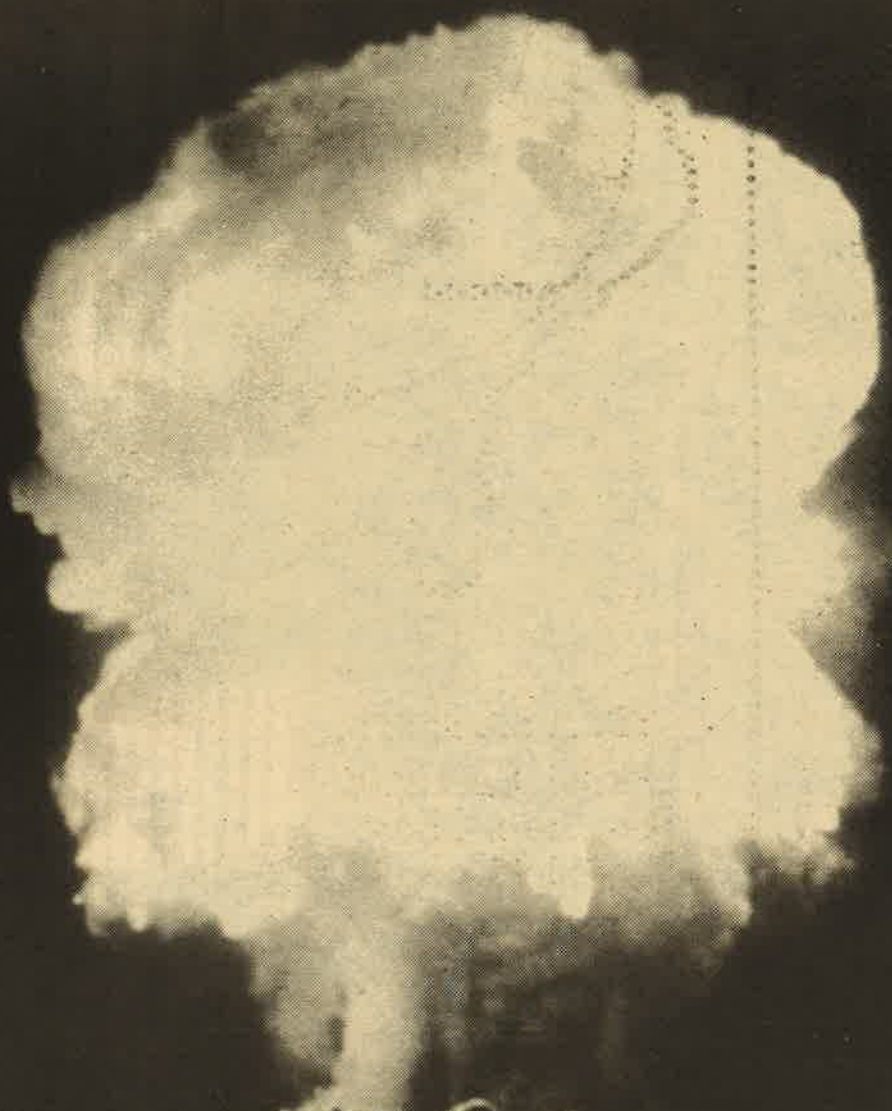
Sept. 6-7 Workshops on Nuclear Power, Wesley Foundation, 120 N. Dubuque St. Ia. City, contact Ia. City M.F.S. ,same add, ph: (319) 644-2840

Sept. 26-28 St. M.F.S. meeting, Dubuque Ia. Contact one of these Ia. M.F.S. contacts: Ames MFS, 129 Ash #2, Ames 50010; Ia. PIRG, 116 Mauker Union, UNI, Cedar Falls 50613; Davenport C.W., 806 W. 5th, Davenport 52802; D.M. J&P Cen. 1301 8th. St. D.M. 50306; Dubuque C.W., 382 E. 21st Dubuque 52001; Ia. City MFS 120 N. Dubuque St., Ia. City 52240; Sioux City MFS, 1122 12th St. Sioux City 51105

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August 9, 1980, 7:30 p.m.

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**Followed by a
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to the Japanese Bell**

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